RASHTRIYA MHILA KOSH

The Rashtriya Mahila Kosh (RMK) has been set up in March, 1993 for providing credit through the intermediation of NGOs and other eligible organisations to women borrowers, mainly in the unorganised sector and has started working. The ultimate borrower will get the credit at 12% interest per annum. Repeated loans will also be provided whenever required.

The lending poplicy was approved by the Governing Board of the Kosh on 15 July, 1993. The same was circulated to more than 250 NGOs located in different parts of the country. So far 19 loan applications have been received from various Non-Governmental Orgnisations (NGOs). The State-wise break-up of loan applications received and sanctioned is given below :—

State	No. of Applications received (upto 30-11-93)	Applications sanctioned	Applications under consideration.
Andhra Pradesh	4	1	3
Bihar	1	1	—
Kerala	3	—	3
Karnataka	1	—	1
Maharashtra	2	2	—
Madhya Pradesh	1	1	—
Tamil Nadu	3	—	3
Uttar Pradesh	2	1	1
West Bengal	2	—	2
	19	6	13

The loans sanctioned to six NGOs as indicated above are expected to cover 8,525 poor women borrowers at an aggregate credit assistance of Rs. 119.60 lakhs.

There is no State-wise allocation of funds under RMK and eligible NGO sare extended credit assistance as per the guidelines approved by the Governing Board and are located in the various parts of the country.

International Price Reimbursement Scheme for Steel Manufacturing Companies

36. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL : Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state :

(a) whether the International Price Reimbursement Scheme is in operation and applicable to all Steel manufacturing companies;

(b) if so, whether all the Steel manufacturing companies are collecting cess and paying/depositing the same with Government;

(c) if not, the names of such companies who have not so far collected/deposited the cess, indicating the amount outstanding on this account against each company ; and

(d) what action Government propose to take against the defaulting companies ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF MINISTRY OF STEEL (SHRI SONTOSH MOHAN DEV) : (a) The International Price Reimbursement Scheme for Exporters of Engineering goods is operated by the Ministry of Commerce. The Scheme is funded through the Engineering Goods Export Assistance Fund (EGEAF) Leavy on sales of pig iron and certain categories of steel made by the various steel producers, namely Steel Authority of India Limited (SAIL), Tata Iron & Steel Company Limited (TISCO) and Rashtriya Ispat Nigma Limited (RINL). The Indian Iron and Steel Company (IISCO) was excluded from the purview of the Scheme with effect from 1-4-91.

(b) The levy collected by the main producers is deposited with the Joint Plant Committee (JPC) which is a body of the main produers set up under the Iron & Steel (Control) Order, 1956. The JPC in turn remits the proceeds to the Engineering Export Promotion Council which makes disbursement to the exporters.

(c) While SAIL and TISCO are upto date in depositing the EGEAF levy with the JPC, the outstanding recoverable from RINL is Rs. 26.17 Crores. In addition the outstanding recoverable from Indian Iron & Steel Company (IISCO) upto 3-4-91 is Rs. 18.59 crores. Both the Companies have been unable to deposit the outstanding arrears due to their difficult ways and means position resulting from high losses.

(d) The defaulting companies have been advised to deposit their arrears quickly with the Joint Plant Committee.